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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Rain in west portion; fair and cooler in east portion.
Washington—Rain.
Idaho—Rain or snow

THE IMPENDING CHANGE.

In the course of a few days the United States will cut another distinctive notch on the history stick of our people, our government will shift to other hands and a new phase of our destiny will take form and substance; but the change will not materially affect the ordinary conditions of life nor cause an instant's pause in the current of human affairs on this continent. We the people have provided the change, set up the men we desired to guide in it, and look to the laws and customs to be religiously observed in the perfecting of the transition, without our further interposition.

For those who are willing to admit that we are doing fairly well as a nation; who are not longing for radical and strange changes in our political and economic programs, there is something gratifying in the huge play of this national transformation of things and men and rules that constitute our "government." It speaks well for the common acceptance of the laws as they stand and for the loyal faith of the people in awaiting the greater changes that time must bring. We have hysterical elements among us, hot for the up-setting of all things as we know and practice them; but they are not warping nor tainting the body-politics nor arousing any unanimity of impatience or unhappiness. Eager, ambitious, resourceful, tireless as we are in our commercial pursuits; harsh, inequitable, grave as many of our conditions are, and susceptible of specific amendment as many of our customs and practices are, we are still rational and patient and loyal. These are the saving characteristics of the nation, the vent through which all the vapors of false teaching and false aspiration vanish, leaving us unscathed and unimpaired.

For a young nation we are prodigiously thoughtful and mindful of our own institutions and the destiny we are working out, and we are becoming wiser and solidier, and truer to ourselves, with each succeeding year; else such great events as the complete and serious change now pending could not be wrought with the quietude, the broad and peaceful understanding, that marks it. We are, yet, the marvel, the insoluble problem of the older peoples; but we understand ourselves, and that is all that is essential.

CASH AND CONSTRUCTION.

We are, virtually, up to the cash-point in the important matter of the building of the Astoria, Tillamook & Seacoast Electric Railway through this city and over the plains and coast of the country. Cash and construction are the next elements to figure in this desirable enterprise; the people have done all they may in the premise, and are now ready for the salient, tangible and convincing logic of actualities.

We have been disappointed before on exactly these lines and conditions and may be again but we do not look for it in this case. We are at the end of our expressions of good faith in this instance, and expect to be gratified by the utter fulfillment of the countless pledges that have been made by those upon whom the next departure falls, the promoters and backers of the big improvement. We are looking for the earliest and amplest achievement of the road allowing for all rational and possible delays and interruptions; and we are not looking for failure nor disappointment.

We believe the enterprise is rich in profit; that it will bring almost immediate compensation; and if those behind it at present shall not make good, then it should not be a dubious matter to evoke other interests that will know better how to appreciate it. But we do not anticipate any such contretemps; on the other hand we feel assured of the genuine success of the whole thing and shall be in the van of those who hail its full and final building and operation with honest and prideful acclaim.

THAT SPECIAL SESSION.

With regard to the mooted necessity for a special session of the Oregon Legislature for the purpose of covering the provision for the State Asylum for Insane, we respectfully suggest that the warrants of the State of Oregon, including interest for a couple of years, constitute the best paper in the northwest, and the volume necessary to pay the bills of this department might figure far less than the ultimate cost of another session of the ready-spenders of millions of taxpayers money.

There is, probably, a constitutional provision, or a sound statute, limiting the action of the Legislature to the sole issue upon which it shall be reassembled and compelling adjournment when that is accomplished; but we have had several samples of legislative indifference to such trifles as organic and statutory law, and we cannot know where the extra session would end, nor calculate the sum of its cost to the people; and for these reasons would much prefer that the

GRAND JURY RETURNS 58 INDICTMENTS

ALL AGAINST SALOON MEN
—NYBERG GETS \$150 FINE AND TEN DAYS.

Fifty-eight indictments were returned by the grand jury yesterday against various saloonkeepers of the city, according to information that was given out at the office of the district attorney. The names of the men against whom the indictments are issued were not made public, and will not be until the arrests are made. It is presumed the bench warrants will be made out today and then turned over to Sheriff Pomeroy for service.

While the indictments number 58, there are only 51 or 52 saloonkeepers in the city, and inasmuch as it is understood the indictments are against saloonmen the inference is that some of them are duplicates. From what is known of the matter evidence has been secured against 30 or 40 different saloonmen; and it is also understood that the present indictments are for alleged violation of the Sunday closing laws.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the grand jury were still busied with the examination of testimony, and it is said to be probable they were looking into the question of "blind pigs." Later, it is said, the gambling matter will be taken up.

The indications are that the grand jury is taking hold of the matters

Asylum authorities go right ahead with their particular business; issue warrants that will be as eagerly taken as the actual dollar. We know we are safe, now; but once get the predatory 90 together again, and we are practically undone; especially will this prove true, if they are to assemble and do business without compensation of some sort? The idea is an insult to the average member and a slam upon the perspicacity of the citizen that knows them.

WING SHOTS.

What if a few of our citizens do leave here and go to other localities? There are just as many, and more, coming in all the time. They go to other places because they have special inducements of all kinds, advancing their interests, to lure them, just as the new-comer to this city and county has cheering inducement to come hither. These things are "mole-hills," not "mountains."

Burton's exhortation of Rainey, on the floor of the National House, on Monday, was a picture in word-art that should be hung on the walls of every man's memory. It was the best thing that has been turned out during this turbulent session of Congress.

There are some things still alive that might far better have been spared than the beautiful, educated mare, Princess Trixie, burned to death in the Delaware railway accident on Monday last.

Mr. Pohl's deductions in regard to the relative standards of the world's navies, interesting as they are, and accurate, lack the ever-essential confirmation of the "fighting gauge" that comes with the fierce engagement. Two ships of a class may whip a dozen when the moment comes when the play of the hero and the tactician are thrown into the scales. It has been done times without number.

Our high-school debaters need take no faintest reproach for the loss of the contest at Newberg. The question debated was of a sort to stump any scholar save those of a school in which is has become a living issue and a familiar theme with staff and pupils.

Why spoil a decent and profitable business by overdoing it? There are four well patronized picture-shows in this city, amongst which the general patronage is fairly distributed, to the just compensation of the people who have started them; and it would seem that this is about all that may be run profitably. It is none of our business, we know, but public comment gives us license to touch upon it to this extent, anyway.

The minor lad who lies to the saloon keeper about his age is usually near enough to his majority to know the actual scope of his lie, and is making for a mighty poor gateway to his manhood when he utters it.

presented with vigor. Almost before many have realized the condition of affairs, Astoria finds itself in the midst of "a moral wave" that is being vigorously backed up by the district attorney's office and the seven members of the grand jury.

William Nyberg, who was convicted before Judge McBride last week of running a "blind pig" in Uppertown, yesterday received his sentence. Nyberg got off very lightly, because of the fact that he is a cripple and his family depends upon him for support. He was fined merely \$150, and in addition received a sentence of ten days in the county jail, which he will begin serving today. Attorney G. C. Fulton appeared for the prisoner yesterday and made a plea for leniency, holding up to the court the fact that Nyberg was a cripple and that his family depended upon him for their sustenance. But the district attorney, Mr. Tongue, emphasized the facts that Nyberg had fought the case, that there are numerous other indictments against him for violations of the law of the same nature, and that he had "perjured" himself on the stand by denying that he had sold liquors in his "blind pig." It was perhaps evident that the physical condition of the man had its effect with Judge McBride, who told Nyberg that he would exercise leniency under all the circumstances and then imposed the \$150 and ten days' sentence. But the judge intimated very clearly that his leniency in this case should not be taken as a criterion of other possible cases which may arise. While there was natural sympathy for a man afflicted with the physical disability under which Nyberg labors, nevertheless he probably may consider himself lucky, especially if the other cases are not pressed against him.

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FEBRUARY 1909.											
High Water.		A. M.		P. M.		Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.	
Date.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	Date.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	
Monday	1	9:54	8.5	11:44	6.7	Monday	1	4:10	3.7	5:10	0.4
Tuesday	2	10:47	8.6	12:41	6.8	Tuesday	2	5:10	3.7	6:00	0.7
Wednesday	3	0:30	7.0	1:35	6.9	Wednesday	3	6:03	3.5	6:42	0.9
Thursday	4	1:08	7.3	2:18	8.7	Thursday	4	6:50	3.3	7:18	0.8
Friday	5	1:40	7.4	2:55	8.5	Friday	5	7:28	3.1	7:52	0.6
Saturday	6	2:10	7.6	3:32	8.3	Saturday	6	8:04	3.0	8:20	0.1
SUNDAY	7	2:35	7.7	2:38	7.7	SUNDAY	7	8:35	2.8	8:45	0.4
Monday	8	3:27	7.9	3:16	7.3	Monday	8	9:07	2.6	9:07	0.8
Tuesday	9	3:55	7.9	4:00	7.0	Tuesday	9	9:33	2.4	9:33	1.2
Wednesday	10	4:28	7.9	4:47	6.5	Wednesday	10	10:10	2.2	10:10	1.8
Thursday	11	4:56	7.8	5:50	5.9	Thursday	11	10:52	2.0	10:35	2.7
Friday	12	5:01	7.8	7:07	5.5	Friday	12	11:45	1.8	11:15	2.6
Saturday	13	5:47	7.8	8:34	5.5	Saturday	13	12:45	1.6	12:47	1.6
SUNDAY	14	6:47	7.9	9:52	5.8	SUNDAY	14	0:09	3.4	1:58	1.2
Monday	15	7:52	7.9	10:54	6.5	Monday	15	1:18	4.0	3:11	0.7
Tuesday	16	8:59	8.2	10:54	6.5	Tuesday	16	2:46	4.2	4:16	0.6
Wednesday	17	10:01	8.6	11:43	7.1	Wednesday	17	4:10	4.1	5:11	0.7
Thursday	18	11:00	9.0	12:22	7.5	Thursday	18	5:15	3.5	6:00	1.3
Friday	19	0:26	9.4	1:01	7.9	Friday	19	6:10	2.9	6:45	1.4
Saturday	20	1:05	8.2	2:45	9.6	Saturday	20	7:00	2.2	7:30	1.3
SUNDAY	21	1:45	8.7	3:35	9.5	SUNDAY	21	7:49	1.6	8:10	0.9
Monday	22	2:25	9.0	4:25	9.2	Monday	22	8:35	1.1	8:50	0.9
Tuesday	23	3:05	9.2	5:15	8.6	Tuesday	23	9:20	0.8	9:33	0.3
Wednesday	24	3:45	9.2	6:10	8.0	Wednesday	24	10:10	0.6	10:18	1.1
Thursday	25	4:30	8.9	7:10	7.2	Thursday	25	11:08	1.1	11:10	2.0
Friday	26	5:18	8.7	8:25	6.5	Friday	26	12:05	1.2	12:13	0.7
Saturday	27	6:13	8.3	7:52	6.1	Saturday	27	0:05	2.9	1:25	0.7
SUNDAY	28	7:15	8.0	9:20	6.1	SUNDAY	28	1:15	3.5	2:40	0.6



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